

[Olive King Dixon]

Mrs. May C. Cohea

Amarillo, Texas

Personalities, Olive Dixon

Potter County

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Panhandle Pioneer, Wife of

Billy Dixon, Scout and Indian

Fighter, Writer.

Olive King Dixon was born January 30, 1873, in Roanoke County, Virginia, eighth of the ten children born to Robert Woods and Mary Jane King. Mrs. Dixon's father was a direct descendant of General Andrew Lewis, who rendered his country distinguished service in the Revolutionary War. At her father's death the five-year old orphan went to live with a cousin at Decatur, Alabama, where she obtained her education.

While visiting her brothers, Archie and Albert King, in the Texas Panhandle in 1893, Miss King had the opportunity to put her knowledge into practice in a little log schoolhouse, twelve feet square, on the south side of the Canadian River, undergoing the hardships of frontier life with a keen pleasure.

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On October 18, 1894, the young teacher was married to William Dixon, famous buffalo hunter, scout, and Indian fighter. The Rev. C. V. Bailey, Methodist minister on the plains, drove seventy-five miles from Methodist to perform the ceremony.

For several years Mrs. Dixon was the only woman in Hutchinson County, where the Dixon home was located amid the ruins of the old Adobe Walls, scene of the Indian fight in which her husband gained note as its hero and that of Buffalo Wallow, fought twelve weeks later.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon later moved to Miami; however, since her husband's death, Mrs. Dixon makes her home in Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Dixon is mother of seven children and grandmother of six. Nevertheless she has still found time in a busy life to write her husband's memoirs, "Life of Billy Dixon," numerous articles for various periodicals, and to take part in the club work of her community, being member of the Panhandle Pen Women, the International Writers' League, Eastern Star, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram published a series of articles pertaining to the history of the plains written by Mrs. Dixon. References

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Friend Dixon

Hearing (having) heard that you were at Adobe Walls in the Panhandle of Texas and as we both came near passing in our check between Gageby Creek and Washita river on Sept. 12th 1874 I thought it would not be out of place to drop you a few lines and revive old times. I heard from a man by the name of Shearer who belongs to the 4th Cavalry that you were there. Do you ever see Amos or any of the men who were with us then I never have and would very much like to see any of them and fight our old fights over again, did you read the account (in our Wild Indians) where Amos carried Smith on his back and not know that his leg was shot off until he got to the wallow do you ever hear tell of such a dam lie when he knows very well that you carried both of them there yourself. I was surprised when I read the account in the book wrote by Col. Dodge. To read you would think that there was no one there but Chapman himself. The idea that a man can have his leg shot off and not know it makes me tired you can bet that I came very near knowing when I was struck and know it and feel it to this day and y my leg was not shot off. When I read the book I came very near contradicting it as there were others who did just as much as Chapman if not more it seems that when he met Col. Dodge he took all the credit to himself we are now stationed at Fort Wingate N.M. and I do not like it a bit Major Chaffee has left us he was promoted to Maj. of the 9th Cav. (niggers) he was worthy of something better than that for I think he was one of the best field soldiers I ever saw, and I think that I am a competent judge. Dixon don't fail to answer this letter because I would sooner hear from you than any man that I know of and give me your opinion of the fight. I would have wrote you before but did not know where you were. I will now close this letter with my best wishes for your welfare. From your sincere friend and one whom you can depend on under any and all circumstances.

(Signed) Z. T. Woodall.

1st Sergt Troop "I" 6th Cav.

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I hereby certify that I have compared the above letter, (copy of a certified copy of a letter) written by Z. T. Woodall, now in possession of Mrs. Olive Dixon of Miami Texas and the above copy is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. A. Talley

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public in and for Roberts County Texas this the 27th. day of Jan. A.D. 1923. J. B. Saul

Notary Public.

My Commission expires June. 1st. 1923. [???

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This is a true copy of certified copy now in possession of Olive K. Dixon, widow of Billy Dixon. Original copy on file in Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas. [Olive K. Dixon?]

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